THE CHILDREN'S ASSESSMENT CENTER JOB DESCRIPTION 2009

POSITION TITLE: Forensic Evaluation Clinician **DEPARTMENT:** The Children's Assessment Center

DIVISION: Forensic Services Division

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

SALARY: Negotiable

Education Required:

• Master's degree or higher mental health degree in recognized discipline (e.g., psychology, counseling, clinical social work, special education, or child development)

• Licensure or Temporary Licensure preferred

Experience:

- Two or more years experience assessing and treating children and families
- Experience with child exploitation, child maltreatment, and child welfare, preferred
- Specialized training in child development, forensic or clinical interviewing, and psychosocial, developmental, or psychological evaluations, preferred
- Interviewing, child welfare, child advocacy, and/or law enforcement background a plus

Job Skills:

- Ability to engage children of all ages in a non-threatening manner
- Specialized training in child exploitation and child maltreatment and understanding of child welfare system and advocacy centers
- Ability to conduct objective psychosocial, developmental, and behavioral assessments
- Strong written and verbal communication skills essential (please provide writing sample)
- Knowledge of dynamics of sexual abuse, professional literature, and current issues relevant to child sexual abuse

Job Description:

Conducts systematic evaluations of children at the request of legal authorities for the explicit purpose of gathering forensically sound information, as part of child sexual abuse investigations to assist decision-making or legal proceedings. Gathers information regarding social, developmental, emotional, and behavioral functioning as well as abuse- related information and establishes foundation for healing process. Collaborates with multi-disciplinary investigative team, including law enforcement, medical personnel, CPS, County and District Attorney's Offices to provide comprehensive findings and service recommendations. Attends professional trainings, consultations, and weekly clinical supervision to ensure best practice. Documents sessions and provides written reports, court testimony, and community trainings.